

## RIVER POLLUTION ANGERS YACHTSMEN

Ask the Commissioners to Abate Nuisance.

### AUTHORITY TO BE WEIGHED

District Will Exercise Whatever Power It Has to Comply With Request.

Whether or not the District Commissioners have the authority to prevent the throwing of gas tar and other oily substances into the Potomac River will soon be decided by the Corporation Counsel, according to a recommendation made today by District Commissioner Macfarland.

This is the result of a petition submitted to the Commissioners this morning by representatives of the Potomac Boat Club, the Annapolis Boat Club, the Capital Yacht Club, and the Interclub Canoe Association, asking that the Commissioners immediately take steps to abate the nuisance of gas tar in the waters of the Potomac.

#### Will Do What They Can.

"The Commissioners certainly want to do everything in their power to help the boating organization," said Commissioner Macfarland today. "First, however, the Corporation Counsel will be asked to submit an opinion setting forth definitely just how much power the Commissioners have in the premises. After that our action will be taken."

The nuisance complained of in the petition is "gas tar, or other oily substance discharged from one or more of the several manufacturing establishments located on the Georgetown channel of the river." The petitioners say they act "in the name of the hundreds of citizens of the District of Columbia interested in boating, yachting, fishing, and bathing."

#### Appeal for Protection.

"We protest and appeal to you," they continue, "to take such action allowed by the authority vested in you to put a stop to this practice which is doing so much to discourage and dishearten those using the water as a pleasure haunt."

"The present conditions result in a wholesale contamination of the river to the ruin of the appearance of yachts and boats, after great expense and labor in fitting them up, of clothing coming in contact with it, and the destruction of the very fish which our game and fish laws are trying to protect."

"A casual inspection of any boat allowed to remain in the water for a period of a few hours will convince the observer of the absolute truth and justice of these statements and appeal contained herein."

## ALIENIST DECLARES CANNON TO BE INSANE

Expert Tells of Interview in Which Convicted Lawyer Calmly Describes His Crimes.

TRENTON, N. J., July 18.—Former Judge Hoffman, principal counsel for Charles K. Cannon, of Hoboken, lawyer and banker, who has been sentenced to fifteen years in State prison upon the evidence of little girls, is convinced that his client is insane and wants to have him placed in a State hospital. To this end Cannon is being examined by expert alienists.

One of New Jersey's foremost alienists, a man of national reputation, described his interview with Cannon a few days ago. "I knew Cannon's father very well," he said. "He was one of the leading lawyers of the State and a man held in universal respect. After recalling the circumstance that I had known his father I said to Cannon: 'I am very sorry to learn that you are charged with a dastardly crime.'"

"Oh, yes," he replied lightly, without the slightest discomposure, "they are making a great deal of fuss over a very small matter. I am at a loss to understand all this publicity and excitement over so trifling a circumstance. It is a mere matter of sentiment, my dear doctor, a mere matter of sentiment."

"He then proceeded to describe to me in detail, and without any reservation whatever, all the circumstances of his crimes, as testified to in the court. There was not the slightest symptom of embarrassment, of acute consciousness, of the nature of his offenses, and of the disgrace attaching to their exposure. He might have been describing a banquet at which he had been a guest or any other ordinary and innocent occurrence, so far as any apparent consciousness of guilt was concerned."

"During his whole narrative he was placid, calm, unruffled. He impressed me as a man far gone in paresis."

### DR. PORTER, PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dr. Ernest Warren Porter, formerly of Boston, has been unanimously elected president of the new University of Washington.

The election took place at a meeting yesterday of the board of trustees of the college, when it was found necessary to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Prof. William Farr, LL. D., who recently severed his connections with the university.

Dr. Porter came to Washington some weeks ago to accept a professorship in the faculty of the new college.

### ASKS POLICE TO QUIET ROOSTER.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 19.—Captain of Police Maxwell was asked by a guest at a hotel to turn out the police force to stop a rooster from crowing in the morning when he wanted to sleep. Captain Maxwell advised him to consult a justice of the peace.

### CHOLERA INFANTUM.

Child Not Expected to Live From One Hour to Another, But Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey, of Agnewville, Va., was seriously ill of cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "I happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy and gave a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it, and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

## SPAIN NOT REMISS IN WAR CLAIMS

Has Done Her Part to Effect Settlement.

### TESTIMONY OF OFFICERS

Government Has Endeavored to Furnish the Necessary Evidence.

Charges that Spain is not doing its part in bringing about the settlement of claims arising out of the war with Spain are refuted in a statement just received by the State Department from the American legation at Madrid.

It has been charged that Spain has not lived up to its agreement in the treaty of Paris to furnish evidence necessary for the settlement of claims. Spanish officers have been charged with refusal to give testimony which is indispensable to the proper winding up of the old Spanish war claims.

The American legation states in its defense of Spain that as a government Spain has exerted its influence to bring about proper adjudication of the war claims and should not be charged with violation of treaty agreement.

## JOHNSTOWN MAN LIES IN A DEEP TRANCE

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 19.—Joseph Prossig is lying at his home here in a trance and has been in the same state since Tuesday last. He cannot move or speak, no food passes his lips, and he does not seem to be breathing, yet his heart is beating at a normal rate and it seems to the physicians as if the other organs are performing their functions. They are puzzled at the case.

Eight years ago he had a similar experience, and after it was over said he knew all that was going on, but could not move a muscle.

## ROOT CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Silent as to Subjects Discussed by Them.

### PERHAPS THE GOVERNORSHIP

Mr. Root's Known Aversion to Public Office May Interfere With Political Plans.

OYSTER BAY, July 19.—Former Secretary of War Elihu Root left Oyster Bay for New York on the 11:15 a. m. train. His conference with the President, Mr. Root said, had been satisfactory, but he did not feel at liberty to divulge the matters discussed or the conclusions reached.

It is believed the ex-Secretary told President Roosevelt, as he has already told Governor Odell and Senator Platt, that he does not care to run for governor and will not again enter public life under any condition.

"If Mr. Root would consent to run," said a man close to President Roosevelt, "the situation in New York State would be greatly cleared. Every politician in the party is for him, and no man in New York is more popular with the people. Mr. Root wishes to recoup his private fortune, which suffered a severe drain during his six years of life in Washington."

"In private practice he commands \$50,000 and \$75,000 retainers, and if he only attends to his business he can retire in a few years independently rich. Office holding with him has been an expensive luxury, for while his private revenue was cut off, his expenses probably increased enormously."

### FORMER SLAVE NOW FATHER OF 27 CHILDREN

TRENTON, July 19.—By the death of a three-year-old son yesterday the number of the children of William C. Pettifore, of 31 Barnes Street, has been reduced to nineteen. Pettifore is fifty-two years old. He was once a slave in North Carolina. He has been married twice, and twenty-seven children have been born to him. Of these eight have died.

## CAMPAIGN BOOK WILL ATTACK PRESIDENT

Mr. Cowherd's Volume Now Ready for Inspection of the National Committee When It Is Organized.

Imperialism, the tariff, and the trusts are the subjects most exhaustively treated in the Democratic campaign book, which Chairman Cowherd, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, has just completed, and the manuscript of which will be turned over to the Democratic National Committee as soon as that body shall have been organized. The contents of the book are yet sacredly guarded because certain chapters are lacking, notably the speech and letter of acceptance of Judge Parker and Senator Davis. When these have been provided, the National Committee will look after the printing of the volume, which is to serve as a text book to Democratic State chairmen, to spellbinders, Democratic editors, and active Democratic partisans generally.

The most striking feature of the text book is its evident purpose to make the personality of President Roosevelt one of the issues of the coming campaign. Speeches by Representative Kitchin and others, attacking the Chief Executive, are given important positions in the book. It is said that the currency question is entirely ignored, but in view of the advanced attitude taken by Candidate Parker, it is more than likely that his managers will insist upon some formal recognition of his position.

## HUNDREDS AT TEHRAN SUCCUMB TO CHOLERA

Doctors Accused of Poisoning Patients Who Die—Driven From Kirmanschakskoi.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.—The newspaper "Vedomosti" reports that a cholera scourge has broken out at Teheran, and is daily claiming hundreds of victims. The scourge, says the paper, first appeared in the town of Kirmanschakskoi. Four doctors, three of whom were Christians, went to the town to treat those afflicted. The day after their arrival the Mullah of the town died, and his relatives spread a report that the doctors were poisoning the patients.

A fanatical riot resulted. The doctors were driven from town. The quarantine which had been established was broken. The disease quickly spread to Teheran.

EARTHQUAKES IN ECUADOR. GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, July 19.—Two long, heavy earthquake shocks were felt here yesterday.

## ALIENS IN PRISON BY THE THOUSANDS

Report of Commissioner General of Immigration.

### MANY ALIEN DEPENDENTS

They Number 28,939 Males and 15,643 Females—3,995 Are Charged With Serious Offenses.

Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent today made public the tables relating to the number of aliens in confinement in the various penal and charitable institutions in the United States in the first four months of the present year.

Only such aliens as have been in the United States less than five years are counted. The tables divulge a startling condition of affairs. There are confined in the institutions covered by the report 28,939 males, and 15,643 females, all of whom have not become citizens of the United States.

Of this number 3,995 are imprisoned for grave offenses, 5,896 for minor crimes, while 20,229 are insane, and 14,604 are paupers. Of the whole number 24,717 are confined for life, and 10,112 for more than two years.

In State institutions there are 2,548 persons, 14,979 in county institutions, 5,538 in private hospitals, and 679 in Federal institutions.

New York leads in the percentages, with Boston second and Philadelphia third. The investigation is being continued.

### MEN IN FATAL DUEL OVER WIFE OF ONE

PEORIA, Ill., July 19.—William Freeman and Samuel Slater, two mechanics, are in the hospital, suffering from fatal wounds inflicted in a fight over Mrs. Freeman, who is Slater's sister.

Freeman and his wife recently separated, and the husband lay in wait for her and her brother in a lonely spot. When Mrs. Freeman and her brother came along Freeman shot Slater in the stomach. Slater drew a knife and inflicted numerous cuts upon Freeman's head and body.

## HOW INSURGENTS OBTAINED ARMS

French and German Makers Furnished Them.

### ARTEMIO RICARTE'S LETTER

Shows How Agents of Foreign Manufacturers Worked Against United States Government.

Details of the testimony in the case of Artemio Ricarte, "The Viper," tried in Manila for conspiracy, and sentenced to six years in prison, have reached this city. Many interesting facts are developed thereby, but none more so than that agents of German and French arm manufacturers are willing to do business with Filipino insurgents and against the American Government.

Among other exhibits was a letter written by Ricarte, then with the Hongkong junta, to one Prin Luiz, a sympathizer in Manila. The letter says:

"I have reliable information that all the Americans who are Taft's partisans are busy procuring ways and means of preventing any movement to tear down the Figurative Civil Regime, until the Presidential elections are realized, because if the military regime should be enforced at the present time, it would destroy all the work of the imperialists and crumble McKinley and Roosevelt's policy."

#### Call to Arms.

"To arms! To arms! Dear brothers; do not stagger any longer. The American people themselves are with us."

"Forward, then, and do not allow those vampires to deceive you any longer."

"The principal object of this letter is to state to you that the representatives of the two arm manufacturing firms (Germany and France), solicited a conference with me, in which this gentleman stated that it was very urgent that I should deposit with him the amount of the funds agreed upon, according to price, 13 pesos for each rifle, as, according to the gentleman, I believe the insurgents of Knaungsi and Knaungtung wish to buy ours."

"You very well know that the firms furnish the steamers that are to conduct the arms, and that in case of any misfortune, the firm loses its steamer."

# Semi-Annual Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale

In accordance with our custom of previous years, we seek, in advance of inventory, to dispose of all incomplete and broken lots of merchandise. Prices have been emphatically reduced to bring about this end. We therefore beg to announce the following items affecting summer apparel and requisites for Men, Women and Children. Your taste is sure to be represented.



### Children's Straw Hats

Broken lots of Sailor Hats for Children, in rough or fine braids, plain or mixed.

REGULARLY SOLD UP TO \$1.50

For This Sale, 59c

### High-Grade Two-Garment Suits For Men.

They represent the various styles of which we have not a full complement of sizes. That speaks in unmeasured terms of the popularity of their models and fabrics. There are about one hundred two-garment suits in the collection—of Homespun Flannel and Wool Crash. In every way do they represent the supremacy of the Saks tailorman.

REGULARLY SOLD THIS SEASON FOR \$10, \$12.50, \$15 and \$17.50.

Your Choice at \$8.75.

### Children's Wash Suits.

Children's Washable Sailor Suits, in a variety of patterns; some show signs of handling. Sizes 3 to 12.

REGULARLY SOLD UP TO \$2.50.

For This Sale, 95c.

### Neglige Shirts for Men

Small lots of Plaited and Plain Bosom Neglige Shirts for men, with cuffs attached.

Regularly sold for \$2.00 and \$1.50.

For This Sale at 95c

### Two-Garment Suits for Young Men.

(16 to 19 years.)—Second Floor.

Small lots of Two-garment Suits for young men, of homespun or flannel. Sizes 32 to 35.

REGULARLY SOLD FOR \$10 AND \$12.50.

For This Sale, \$7.25.

### Colored Handkerchiefs for Men.

Hemstitched with colored border or colored center.

REGULAR PRICE, 15c.

For This Sale, 3 for 25c.

### Harvest Time for Straw Hats

Hats of unquestioned fine quality—Split Straw, Yachts, Sennets, Mackinaws, Manilas, Javas, and Porto Ricos.

Regular \$1.50, \$2, and \$2.50 Values..... At 85c

Regular \$3 and \$3.50 Values ..... At \$1.45

### Shoes for Women.

Any Oxford Tie for Women, excepting Queen Quality make, for

\$1.85.

### Jerseys for Men.

Small lots of Light-weight Jerseys for men, fashioned of high-grade worsted.

All sizes.

REGULARLY SOLD FOR \$2.50.

At \$1.25.

### Outing Garments.

Small lots of White Flannel, Serge and Cricketing Flannel. Coat and Trousers Suits for Men. Also odd Coats or Trousers (about 25 pairs).

Coat and Trousers Suits, \$10 to \$22.50.

Coats ..... \$4.50 to \$8.50.

Pants ..... \$5.00 to \$8.00.

For This Sale, HALF PRICE.

### Bathing Suits for Men

Small lots of Bathing Suits for men, in a variety of neat striped effects.

REGULARLY SOLD AT \$1.25.

For This Sale, 89c

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